

**PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill makes changes to a residency grant program to allow for the renewal of a previously awarded grant.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ allows an entity that has previously been awarded a residency grant to submit information to be able to renew the grant.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**26B-4-711**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26B-4-711** is amended to read:

**26B-4-711. Residency grant program.**

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "D.O. program" means an osteopathic medical program that prepares a graduate to



28 obtain licensure as a doctor of osteopathic medicine upon completing a state's licensing  
29 requirements.

30 (b) "M.D. program" means a medical education program that prepares a graduate to  
31 obtain licensure as a doctor of medicine upon completing a state's licensing requirements.

32 (c) "Residency program" means a program that provides training for graduates of a  
33 D.O. program or an M.D. program.

34 (2) UMEC shall develop a grant program where a sponsoring institution in Utah may  
35 apply for a grant to establish a new residency program or expand a current residency program.

36 (3) An applicant for a grant shall:

37 (a) provide the proposed specialty area for each grant funded residency position;

38 (b) identify where the grant funded residency position will provide care;

39 (c) (i) provide proof that the residency program is accredited by the Accreditation  
40 Council for Graduate Medical Education; or

41 (ii) identify what actions need to occur for the proposed residency program to become  
42 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;

43 (d) identify how a grant funded residency position will be funded once the residency  
44 program exhausts the grant money;

45 (e) agree to implement selection processes for a residency position that treat applicants  
46 from D.O. programs and applicants from M.D. programs equally;

47 (f) agree to provide information identified by UMEC that relates to post-residency  
48 employment outcomes for individuals who work in grant funded residency positions; and

49 (g) provide any other information related to the grant application UMEC deems  
50 necessary.

51 (4) UMEC shall prioritize awarding grants to new or existing residency programs that  
52 will:

53 (a) address a workforce shortage, occurring in Utah, for a specialty; or

54 (b) serve an underserved population, including a rural population.

55 (5) (a) An applicant that receives a grant under this section may apply, every two years,  
56 to renew the grant for two years.

57 (b) An applicant to renew a grant under Subsection (5)(a) shall provide a statement  
58 that:

59            (i) the applicant applied for federal funding and was not awarded federal funding in an  
60 amount that fully funds each grant funded residency position; or

61            (ii) the funding the applicant described in Subsection (3)(d) is unavailable to the  
62 applicant.

63            [~~(5)~~] (6) [~~Before November 1, 2023, and each November 1 thereafter,~~] On or before  
64 November 1 of each year, UMEC shall provide a written report to the Higher Education  
65 Appropriations Subcommittee describing:

66            (a) which sponsoring institutions received a grant;

67            (b) the number of residency positions created; and

68            (c) for each residency position created:

69            (i) the type of specialty;

70            (ii) where the residency position provides care; and

71            (iii) an estimated date of when a grant funded residency position will no longer need  
72 grant funding.

73            Section 2. **Effective date.**

74            This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.